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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 April 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. **Claims 1-12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 6199065 to Kenyon.**

3. Referring to claim 1, 4, 7, 11, 12, Kenyon discloses a method for sharing a storage device (From the abstract, "information stored at a site remote from a user".) among a plurality of computers (From line 20 of column 1, "remote users".) while providing data integrity in the storage device, the method comprising the steps of:

registering a particular one of the plurality of computers with the storage device by storing in the storage device a first computer identifier associated with a reserved access type in the storage device (From line 24 of column 2, "Typically a user is requested to supply a username and password to logind 7. In a particular system, which insists that all services are provided as part of a session, when the user has been authenticated he is given a session key, which is valid for a predetermined time, comprising, for example, a function of the name of the user, his password and a random

number. This session key is encoded into the URL (Uniform Resource Locator) of the page concerned, so that the URL contains information about who the user is. All requests to the system must include a session key and an instruction.”);

detecting a failure of the registered computer; and in response to detection of the failure, performing steps of: de-registering the registered computer with the storage device; and re-registering the registered computer with the storage device by storing in the storage device a second computer identifier that differs from the first computer identifier (From line 34 of column 2, “If a session key is found to be invalid, for example due to timeout or logout, as a result of the system checking invalidity at intervals, the user is requested to login again using a new session key.”).

Further referring to claim 11, Kenyon discloses a CPU connected to a memory bus by a system bus; an I/O system, connected to the system bus by a bus interface (Figure 2, wherein Kenyon illustrates at least central processing and memory access in conjunction with system I/O.).

4. Referring to claim 2, 5, 8, Kenyon discloses the registered computer is a currently registered computer (From line 34 of column 2, “If a session key is found to be invalid, for example due to timeout or logout, as a result of the system checking invalidity at intervals, the user is requested to login again using a new session key.”).

5. Referring to claim 3, 6, 9, Kenyon discloses the registered computer is a previously registered computer (From line 34 of column 2, “If a session key is found to be invalid, for example due to timeout or logout, as a result of the system checking invalidity at intervals, the user is requested to login again using a new session key.”).

6. Referring to claim 10, Kenyon discloses the identifier for each computer is unique (From line 24 of column 2, "Typically a user is requested to supply a username and password to logind 7. In a particular system, which insists that all services are provided as part of a session, when the user has been authenticated he is given a session key, which is valid for a predetermined time, comprising, for example, a function of the name of the user, his password and a random number.").

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See notice of references cited.

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabriel L. Chu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3656. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Scott Baderman can be reached on (571) 272-3644. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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